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children should be placed on a discussion of hygienic habits of living; the physiological processes and the anatomical structures should be described very simply and with a definite bearing on their hygiene.

This book takes the hygienic point of view, and deals with the subject in a simple, conversational manner, with little use of technical terms but with scientific knowledge. It is a valuable contribution to this field of instruction. As the name implies the body is regarded as a house, built up and warmed by food, ventilated through the lungs, cleaned inside and out by water, and supplied with a set of windows—the senses—that must be kept bright and clean. The value of right habits is clearly shown, and “much is made of the fact that more fun, better looks, and increased power to do usually accompany improved health.”

Under “Building Materials” are discussed food stuffs, their production and the intelligent care which is needed to insure their freshness and cleanliness, the values of different kinds of food, digestion and hygienic habits of eating. In this connection is a chapter on beverages, including an excellent section on alcohol, consistently and strongly treated without being overemphasized. Breathing habits, the function of respiration, exercise, and the necessity and problem of ventilation are next taken up with their obvious relations. Under the suggestive heading, “The Adulteration of Air,” the use of tobacco is given a short chapter. Then follow chapters on drinking-water and its protection from contamination, sleep, the essentials concerning clothing, and the care of the teeth, ears, and eyes, contagions, and emergencies.

Suggestions for experiment are made and many convincing stories are told in illustration of the subject-matter, as for instance the vivid story of Dr. Hodge's dogs, Nig, Bum, Topsy, and Topsy and their relation to the alcohol habit. But a good teacher would find it to her advantage to use both experiment and illustration to a greater degree than is done in the book.

It is doubtful whether the pathological side of human function should be discussed with a child. His attention should be directed to normal action and how to attain it. Therefore I should say that the section on the symptoms of pulmonary tuberculosis should be omitted in elementary-school work. On the other hand this information is something that every adult should have.

The chapter on “Emergencies” is a very valuable one. There is good reason for children to be acquainted with simple methods of affording “first aid” in the common accidents which are likely to happen to them or their playmates. Prompt action in the right direction while the doctor is being sent for may save much suffering.

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